

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-mentioned application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 32 are in this case. Claims 1 - 23 stand rejected over prior art. Claims 24-32 are allowed.

Claims 1, 2, 3 and 8 have now been amended. Claims 9 to 23 have been cancelled. New claims 33 to 36 have been added. After claim amendments, deletions and additions, claims 1 - 8 and 24 - 36 are now pending in the application.

Claim Objections

Claim 3 was objected to because the claim dependency was omitted. Claim 3 has now been amended to include the dependency on claim 1.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claims 17 – 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out the subject matter of the claims. Claims 17 – 20 have now been canceled.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 9 – 14, 16, 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Reisman (US 6853304).

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Copley (US 6639516) in view of Reisman.

Claims 15, 18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Reisman.

Claims 24 – 32 are allowed.

To overcome the objection under 35 U.S.C. 102, claim 1 was amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 24. Claims 9 – 23 were canceled.

New claims 33 – 36 are dependent claims which claim features previously claimed in canceled claims 17 – 20. No new matter was added.

Conclusion

Claims 24 – 32 are allowed. In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 – 8 are now in condition for allowance, as well.

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